BEFORE THE MINNESOTA

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

In the Matter of the License of Lisette Wright, M.A., L.P.

License Number: LP3759

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Lisette Wright, M.A., L.P.

("Licensee"), and the Minnesota Board of Psychology ("Board") as follows:

1. During all times herein, Licensee has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction

of the Board from which she holds a license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota.

FACTS

2. The Board finds the following:

a. Licensee provided psychological services to Client #1, conducting 84

in-person therapy sessions during the professional relationship. Client #1 initially presented to

Licensee with feelings of stress and anxiety. The therapeutic sessions thereafter evolved to focus

on Client #1's sexuality and marital conflict.

b. Immediately after officially terminating the professional relationship in

writing, Licensee engaged in a sexual relationship with Client #1.

c. Licensee engaged in sexual intercourse and/or physical intimacies with

Client #1 within two years following the date of the last professional contact with Client #1.

d. On May 13, 2011, the Board executed a Stipulation and Consent Order

suspending Licensee's license ("2011 Consent Order"). The 2011 Consent Order required

Licensee to obtain a psychological evaluation and therapeutic services if recommended by the

evaluator and to have her treating therapist submit reports to the Committee every six (6) months

and at the time Licensee petitions for reinstatement of her license. The 2011 Consent Order also required Licensee to enroll in an individualized professional boundaries training course and to submit reports to the Committee upon completion of the course. The 2011 Consent Order allowed Licensee to petition for reinstatement of her license after three (3) years and required that, if Licensee's petition were granted, her license would be placed in a conditional status under which Licensee's practice would be supervised for a period of at least one (1) year including weekly meetings of no less than one (1) hour each with her supervisor.

- e. On May 13, 2014, Licensee submitted to the Committee a Petition for Order for Reinstatement of Conditional License to Practice Psychology and Amendment of Supervision Requirement in Consent Order, requesting that her license be reinstated under the supervision requirements of the 2011 Consent Order.
- f. On September 5, 2014, the Committee met with Licensee to discuss her petition for reinstatement. The Committee noted that Licensee had met the requirements for reinstating her license in a conditional status. The Committee also noted that subsequent information obtained by the Board indicated that Licensee may not have been truthful in the past but that Licensee appeared currently able to practice in a fit, competent, and ethical manner with conditions and limitations on her license. The Committee decided that Licensee would be safe to return to practice under supervision and by limiting the number of clients she can see per week.

REGULATIONS

3. The Board views Licensee's practices as described in paragraph 2 above to be in violation of statutes and rules enforced by the Board. Licensee agrees that the conduct cited above constitutes a violation of Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 2(a)(3) and Minn. R. 7200.5700 (unprofessional conduct); Minn. Stat. § 148.98 and Minn. R. 7200.4500 (code of conduct); and

Minn. R. 7200.4900, subp. 8 (sexual contact with former client) and constitutes a reasonable basis in law and fact to justify the disciplinary action provided for in the order.

REMEDY

- 4. Upon this stipulation and without any further notice or proceedings, the Board hereby **GRANTS** Licensee's petition for reinstatement of her License in a conditional status; **RESCINDS** the 2011 Consent Order adopted by the Board on May 13, 2011, except as stated herein; and **AMENDS** the requirements for reinstatement to include additional limitations on Licensee's practice, as follows:
- a. Supervision of Licensee by Board-Approved Psychologist. Pursuant to the requirements of the 2011 Consent Order, Licensee shall practice psychology only under the supervision of a supervising psychologist for a period of no less than one (1) year from the date this Order is adopted by the Board. Licensee's supervisor must be approved in advance by the Committee from a list of at least three (3) names Licensee has submitted to the Committee. Licensee shall cause each psychologist listed to submit a current curriculum vitae to the Board for the Committee's review prior to its approval of a supervisor. The Committee reserves the right to reject any names submitted, the Committee may require that Licensee submit additional names as described above, or the Committee may provide Licensee with the name of a supervisor. Licensee shall have no previous personal or professional relationship with the supervisor. Licensee shall not engage in the practice of psychology until a supervisor has been approved by the Committee and retained by Licensee. Licensee shall meet with the supervising psychologist no less than one (1) hour per week for the one (1) year period. The purpose of the meetings is to address and review issues that shall be contained within the supervisor's reports as follows:

- 1) Supervisor's Reports. The supervising psychologist shall provide a report to the Committee every three (3) months and at the time Licensee petitions to have the supervisory condition removed from her license. The first report is due three (3) months from the date supervision begins, and all subsequent reports shall be submitted on the first day of the month in which they are due. Each report shall provide and/or address:
- a) In the first report, evidence Licensee's supervisor has received and reviewed a copy of this Stipulation and Consent Order and the 2011 Consent Order adopted by the Board on May 13, 2011;
 - b) Dates on which supervision took place with Licensee;
 - c) The method by which supervision was conducted;
- d) A statement that all cases have been reviewed, a description of any problems discovered in the review, and the resolution of the problems;
- e) The supervisor's opinion as to Licensee's ability to provide competent services;
- f) Any other information the supervisor believes would assist the Board in its ultimate review of this matter; and
- g) At the time Licensee petitions for removal of the supervisory condition, the supervisor's report shall include an assessment of Licensee's ability to conduct herself in a fit, competent, and ethical manner in the practice of psychology as well as whether Licensee exhibits an acceptable comprehension and knowledge of ethical issues encountered in practice as well as the ability to apply this knowledge.
- b. Workload Limitation. Licensee shall limit her practice of psychology to no more than five (5) clients per week as approved for continued treatment by her supervisor

after no more than three (3) initial sessions with each potential client for a period of no less than one (1) year.

- c. **Psychotherapy**. Licensee shall continue in therapy with her current treating psychologist or with another psychologist pre-approved by the Board, for a period of no less than one (1) year. Licensee shall meet with her psychologist at least once a month for at least one hour. Every three (3) months, Licensee shall cause to be submitted to the Board a report from her psychologist which shall provide and address:
- 1) Verification the psychologist has reviewed a copy of this Order and the 2011 Consent Order, and any other Order, evaluation and/or treatment record deemed pertinent by the Board or the psychologist;
 - 2) Dates and times the psychologist met with Licensee.
 - 3) Diagnosis and any recommended treatment plan;
 - 4) Licensee's fitness to engage in the practice of psychology;
 - 5) Recommendations for additional evaluation or treatment; and
- 6) Any other information the psychologist believes would assist the Board in its ultimate review of this matter.
- 5. Upon completion of all terms, provisions, and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, Licensee may petition the Committee to remove the limitations and/or conditions on her license. Licensee shall meet with the Committee to discuss her petition as well as her fitness to practice psychology in a safe, effective, and ethical manner. Pursuant to the 2011 Consent Order, at the time Licensee petitions for removal of the conditions and limitations on her license, the burden of proof shall be upon Licensee to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that she is capable of returning to the unsupervised, unconditional, and unlimited

practice of psychology in a fit, competent, and ethical manner. The Board may, at any regularly scheduled meeting at which Licensee has made a timely petition, take any of the following actions:

- a. Remove any, and/or all, limitations and conditions attached to Licensee's license;
- b. Amend any, and/or all, limitations and conditions attached to Licensee's license; or
- c. Continue any, and/or all, limitations and conditions attached to Licensee's license.
- 6. Licensee is responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- 7. All reports submitted by Licensee, her supervisor, and/or her treating therapist shall cover the entire reporting period and provide the bases upon which conclusions were drawn.
- 8. The Board or its authorized representatives shall have the right to discuss Licensee's condition with and obtain records from any health professional with whom Licensee has contact as a result of her compliance with this Stipulation and Consent Order. Licensee shall execute releases and provide any health record or other waivers necessary for submission of the reports referenced in this Stipulation and Consent Order, to enable the Board to obtain the information it desires, and to authorize the testimony of those contacted by the Board in any proceeding related to this matter.

- 9. Licensee shall execute releases allowing the Board to exchange data related to this Stipulation and Consent Order with Licensee's treating therapist and any other professional Licensee contacts in order to comply with this Order.
- 10. In the event Licensee resides or practices outside the State of Minnesota, Licensee shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the location of her residence and all work sites. Practice outside of Minnesota will not be credited toward any period of Licensee's suspended, limited, conditioned, or restricted license in Minnesota unless Licensee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that the practice in another jurisdiction conforms completely with Licensee's Minnesota licensure requirements to practice psychology.
- 11. If Licensee fails to comply with or violates this Stipulation and Consent Order, the Committee may, in its discretion, seek additional discipline either by initiating a contested case proceeding pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14 or by bringing the matter directly to the Board pursuant to the following procedure:
- a. The Committee shall schedule a hearing before the Board. At least twenty (20) days before the hearing, the Committee shall mail Licensee a notice of the violation(s) alleged by the Committee. In addition, the notice shall designate the time and place of the hearing. Within ten days after the notice is mailed, Licensee shall submit a written response to the allegations. If Licensee does not submit a timely response to the Board, the allegations may be deemed admitted.
- b. The Committee, in its discretion, may schedule a conference with Licensee prior to the hearing before the Board to discuss the allegations and to attempt to resolve the allegations through agreement.

- c. Prior to the hearing before the Board, the Committee and Licensee may submit affidavits and written argument in support of their positions. At the hearing, the Committee and Licensee may present oral argument. Argument shall not refer to matters outside the record. The evidentiary record shall be limited to the affidavits submitted prior to the hearing and this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Committee shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation has occurred. If Licensee has failed to submit a timely response to the allegations, Licensee may not contest the allegations, but may present argument concerning the appropriateness of additional discipline. Licensee waives a hearing before an administrative law judge, discovery, cross-examination of adverse witnesses, and other procedures governing hearings pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 14.
- d. Licensee's correction of a violation before the conference, hearing, or meeting of the Board may be taken into account by the Board but shall not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline for the violation. A decision by the Committee not to seek discipline when it first learns of a violation shall not waive the Committee's right to later seek discipline for that violation, either alone or in combination with other violations, at any time while Licensee's license is in a suspended status.
- e. Following the hearing, the Board will deliberate confidentially. If the allegations are not proved, the Board shall dismiss the allegations. If a violation is proved, the Board may impose additional discipline, including additional conditions or limitations on Licensee's practice, a period of suspension with conditions of reinstatement, or revocation of Licensee's license.
- 12. This stipulation shall not in any way limit or affect the authority of the Board to temporarily suspend Licensee's license under Minn. Stat. § 148.941, subd. 3, or to initiate

contested case proceedings against Licensee on the basis of any act, conduct, or omission of Licensee justifying disciplinary action occurring before or after the date of this Stipulation and Consent Order which is not related to the facts, circumstances or requirements referenced herein.

- 13. In the event the Board at its discretion does not approve this settlement or a lesser remedy than indicated in this settlement, then, and in that event, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced by either party to this stipulation, except that Licensee agrees that should the Board reject this stipulation and this case proceeds to hearing, Licensee will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records relating to this matter.
- 14. Any appropriate court may, upon application of the Board, enter its decree enforcing the order of the Board.
- 15. Licensee has been advised by Board representatives that she may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Licensee is represented by Thomas Pearson, Esq. The Committee is represented by Hans A. Anderson, Assistant Attorney General.
- 16. Licensee waives all formal hearings on this matter and all other procedures before the Board to which Licensee may be entitled under the Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the stipulation shall be the final order herein.
- 17. Licensee hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, the State of Minnesota and their agents, employees and representatives which may otherwise be available to Licensee under the Americans With Disabilities Act or the Minnesota Human Rights Act relative to the action taken or authorized against Licensee's license to practice psychology under this stipulation.

18. Licensee hereby acknowledges that she has read, understands, and agrees to this stipulation and has freely and voluntarily signed the stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. When signing the stipulation, Licensee acknowledges she is fully aware the stipulation is not binding unless and until it is approved by the Board. The Board may either approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as proposed, approve the Stipulation and Consent Order subject to specified change, or reject it. If the changes are acceptable to Licensee, the stipulation will then take effect and the order as modified will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to Licensee or the Board rejects the stipulation, it will be of no effect except as specified herein.

19. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes a disciplinary action against Licensee.

20. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a public document and will be sent to all appropriate data banks and other entities consistent with Board policy.

21. This stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this stipulation.

LICENSEE

COMPLAINT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

LISETTE WRIGHT, M.A., L.P.

Dated: 1/26/15

SCOTT FISCHER, PH.D., L.P.

Committee Chair

Dated: 2/8/

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Committee Member

Dated: 2/12/15

CAROLE STILES, LICSW

Committee Member

Dated: 2 - 17 - 15

ORDER

Upon consideration of this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Licensee is REINSTATED and placed in

Executive Director

a LIMITED and CONDITIONAL status and that all other terms of this stipulation are adopted

and implemented by the Board this Mosy of Commen

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